

<b>FPLS MINOR RELEASE 05-01: JANUARY 28, 2005 RELEASE SCHEDULE</b>	
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Activities</b>
September 28, 2004 (Tuesday)	Post the Manifest to the OCSE Website.
The Federal Offset manifest will be discussed at the Federal Offset state teleconferences on: October 19, 2:00 p.m. (Tuesday) October 20, 10:00 a.m. (Wednesday) October 21, 10:00 a.m. (Thursday)	Please plan to attend one of the Federal Offset state teleconferences. The objective of the call is to provide answers to the following questions: 1. What are your questions, comments and/or concerns? 2. Will you need to make changes to your system? 3. Do you have any issues concerning the Release implementation date?  Questions regarding the FCR change should be addressed to the FCR State Technical Support Team.
October 26, 2004 (Tuesday)	Post the Specifications to the OCSE Website.
The Federal Offset specifications will be discussed at the Federal Offset state teleconferences on: November 16, 2:00 p.m. (Tuesday) November 17, 10:00 a.m. (Wednesday) November 18, 10:00 a.m. (Thursday)	Please plan to attend one of the Federal Offset state teleconferences. The objective of the call is to review the specifications and Q&A.  Questions regarding the FCR change should be addressed to the FCR State Technical Support Team.
TBD (to be established during conference calls)	Test with states.
January 28, 2005 (Friday)	OCSE implementation of FPLS Release 05-01.

FPLS MINOR RELEASE 05-01 – MANIFEST					
System	OCSE Ref #	Description	Proposed Changes	Business Requirements/Benefit	Reason
FCR	1921	<p>Discontinue FCR Bundling Indicator.</p> <p>Point of Contact: Ken Nesbit (703) 345-8102 <a href="mailto:kenny.nesbit@ngc.com">kenny.nesbit@ngc.com</a></p>	<p>The FCR is being modified to eliminate the bundling option for FCR Locates.</p> <p>Impact: States will no longer be allowed to request that the responses from the FPLS external Locate sources be held until the results from all federal agencies are received by the FPLS.</p>	Support timely processing of external Locate responses.	Streamline Locate process.
Federal Offset	1903	<p>Provide states with the status of an injured spouse claim.</p> <p>Point of Contact: Scott Hale (202) 401-5745 <a href="mailto:shale@acf.hhs.gov">shale@acf.hhs.gov</a> or Brian Peeler (202) 690-5377 <a href="mailto:bpeeler@acf.hhs.gov">bpeeler@acf.hhs.gov</a></p>	<p>The collection process will forward the status of an injured spouse claim to the state.</p> <p>The Injured Spouse Indicator will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be placed in position 225 of the Collection and Adjustment Record (currently filler);</li> <li>• only be provided on Non-TANF cases; and</li> <li>• only be provided on collections with a Return Indicator of 'Y' (joint return).</li> </ul> <p>An Injured Spouse Indicator of 'Y' identifies that an injured spouse claim has been processed. States may choose to distribute the money immediately rather than hold the money for up to six months.</p> <p>An Injured Spouse Indicator of 'N' indicates that injured spouse claim information is not available. States may choose to hold the money for up to six months.</p>	Provide improved customer service.	Distribute money to families more quickly, and help reduce a state's undistributed collections.

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			<p>The Collection Detail Record on the Current Year Query Screen will contain a new code in the first position of the Taxpayer Name that will combine the status of injured spouse claim with the Joint Return Indicator.</p> <p>The first position of the Taxpayer Name field will now contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>0 – no joint return was filed;</li><li>2 – a joint return was filed; or</li><li>3 – an injured spouse claim has been processed for a joint return.</li></ul> <p>Impact: The use of the Injured Spouse Indicator, added to Filler in the Collection and Adjustment record layout, is optional. States are encouraged, however, to program to distribute collections for joint returns immediately when this field contains a ‘Y’.</p> <p>The projected date for states to start receiving the Injured Spouse Indicator is January 28, 2005. However, states may receive the Injured Spouse Indicator before the projected date.</p>		

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Federal Offset	1918	<p>Provide an exclusion indicator to allow individual cases to be bypassed from FMS' Debt Check program.</p> <p>Point of Contact: Scott Hale (202) 401-5745 <a href="mailto:shale@acf.hhs.gov">shale@acf.hhs.gov</a> or Brian Peeler (202) 690-5377 <a href="mailto:bpeeler@acf.hhs.gov">bpeeler@acf.hhs.gov</a></p>	<p>A new Exclusion Indicator of 'DCK' will enable states to exclude an individual case from FMS' Debt Check. The 'DCK' code can be submitted on an 'A' (Add) or an 'R' (Replace) Exclusion Indicator Transaction. It will be included with the existing Exclusion Indicator codes in positions 188 to 227.</p> <p>Impact: The use of the new Exclusion Indicator is optional. However, if a state wants a case excluded from Debt Check after December 13, 2004, the new Exclusion Indicator must be submitted.</p> <p>States will be able to start using the Debt Check Exclusion Indicator after the OCSE Freeze Period, December 13, 2004. To begin participation in the Debt Check program, a state must contact Scott Hale or Brian Peeler via e-mail. A state may also request a single state-specific dollar threshold be met before a case is considered for the Debt Check program. Once a state is participating in the Debt Check program, the state may choose to use the Debt Check Exclusion Indicator to exclude a specific case.</p>	Provide access to a new enforcement remedy to collect child support.	Allow states the option of excluding cases from the FMS Debt Check program.

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System	OCSE Ref #	Description	Proposed Changes	Business Requirements/Benefit	Reason
Federal Offset	1881	<p>Provide states with an enhanced and newly-arranged Multi-Year Query Screen for case information.</p> <p>Point of Contact: Scott Hale (202) 401-5745 <a href="mailto:shale@acf.hhs.gov">shale@acf.hhs.gov</a> or Brian Peeler (202) 690-5377 <a href="mailto:bpeeler@acf.hhs.gov">bpeeler@acf.hhs.gov</a></p>	<p>The Multi-Year Query Screen, Option 3 on the Federal Offset Processing Menu, will display information in the same format as the current Query Screen. The new information displayed includes the date a case was opened and/or closed at FMS, date of recertification, date the debt/case was closed, dates for passport denial certification and withdrawal, the arrearage amount at the time of passport denial certification, and date and place of birth.</p> <p>The detail history portion of the Query Screen will display more lines of information at a single glance and additional types of detail records. Name Changes, Case ID Changes, DoS Adds and Deletes, and Pre-Offset Notice Requests are new detail records that are displayed in this portion of the Query Screen.</p> <p>Impact: No state impact.</p> <p>States will be able to start using the revised screen January 1, 2005.</p>	<p>Improve access to case information held at the Federal level.</p> <p>Expand detail history for better case management and tracking of state data maintained at the Federal level.</p>	<p>Support changes made to the structure of the data files.</p>

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System	OCSE Ref #	Description	Proposed Changes	Business Requirements/Benefit	Reason
Federal Offset	1904	<p>Provide states whose notices are generated by OCSE with an enhancement to the current option of switching a case type without creating a Pre-Offset Notice.</p> <p>Point of Contact: Scott Hale (202) 401-5745 <a href="mailto:shale@acf.hhs.gov">shale@acf.hhs.gov</a> or Brian Peeler (202) 690-5377 <a href="mailto:bpeeler@acf.hhs.gov">bpeeler@acf.hhs.gov</a></p>	<p>The enhancement will check the combination of the Pre-Offset Notice Date and the Debt Closed Date (date the case was deleted) instead of just checking the Pre-Offset Notice Date in determining whether the transaction is a case type switch.</p> <p>The following are the rules for determining whether a case type switch will occur:</p> <p>If the Add Case occurs less than 40 days after the deletion of the opposite case, and it has not been more than 365 days from the date of the last Pre-Offset Notice Date, the transaction will be considered a case type switch and no Pre-Offset Notice will be generated.</p> <p>If the Add Case occurs more than 40 days after the deletion of the opposite case, or it has been more than 365 days since the last Pre-Offset Notice Date, the transaction will not be considered a case type switch and a Pre-Offset Notice will be generated.</p> <p>Impact: No state impact.</p> <p>These changes are effective January 28, 2005.</p>	<p>Enable states to reduce unnecessary Pre-Offset Notice costs.</p> <p>Help to ensure that due process is provided to an obligor.</p> <p>Prevent erroneous case type switches.</p>	<p>Ensure accurate differentiation between case type switches and new cases.</p>